



SETON LASALLE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

In Faith and Charity

March 7, 2019

Dear Trib Total Media Outstanding Young Citizen Award Committee:

Please accept this recommendation of Margaret Rodgers. I have known Margaret and her family since she was very young through our church community. Then, I began teaching at her high school and had the pleasure of being her teacher for her Junior and Senior years, as well as her Cross Country coach. Additionally, I created a student Ambassador program and immediately wanted Margaret to be involved – she is an exemplar student who is well-rounded and kind to everyone. I highly recommend her to you.

The first few characteristics that come to mind when I think of Margaret are kindness, faith, positivity, responsibility, leadership, and that she is set apart – she truly stands out from among her peers. You can see her extraordinary leadership roles throughout her biography, so I will briefly share with you her other great gifts and strengths.

Margaret is incredibly kind and positive. She is a friend to everyone and looks for opportunities to include and encourage others. She has a very strong faith, and that is the lens through which she sees the world. She wakes up every day with the goal of making a difference. No matter how big or small her actions may be, she believes that there are countless opportunities to serve the people around her. She looks for ways to help others through small acts of kindness, whether it's at school, in the parish, in the community, or with her family and friends.

Margaret is responsible. If adults or peers have a task and need help, Margaret is a person they turn to. She is honest, trustworthy, and reliable. In the classroom, she listens very attentively. It is rare to see students who actively listen during class, especially with the availability of cell phones and other technology. Margaret participates in class distraction-free. She pays attention and is fully present, and when we have class discussions, she always contributes her thoughts and opinions. She also demonstrates good decision making and courage. In a world where it's hard to stand up among one's peers and do what's right, Margaret never fails in this area. She has a strong sense of morality, and it's constant.

Also, Margaret is just fun to be around! She has a great sense of humor in addition to being a leader, an exemplar student, and going above and beyond in her community.

Margaret is an amazing young woman who I respect and admire. I have many specific stories of ways she has touched the lives of others and made a difference. Please contact me if you would like to discuss any details. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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